

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) A thermoplastic elastomer composition, comprising an acrylic block copolymer (A) which comprises a methacrylic polymer block (a) and an acrylic polymer block (b), wherein at least one of polymer blocks among the methacrylic polymer block (a) and the acrylic polymer block (b) has a functional group (X), and a compound (B) containing at least 1.1 or more of functional groups (Y) in one molecule.

2. (Original) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of Claim 1, wherein the functional group (X) is at least one kind of functional groups selected from an acid anhydride group, a carbonyl group, a hydroxyl group and an epoxy group.

3. (Original) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the functional group (Y) is at least one kind of functional groups selected from an epoxy group, a carboxyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an acid anhydride group and an oxazoline group.

4. (Original) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of Claim 1, wherein the functional group (X) is an acid anhydride group and/or a carboxyl group, and the functional group (Y) is an epoxy group.

5. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, wherein a boiling point of the compound (B) is at least 200°C.

6. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~Claim 1, wherein the compound (B) is a polymer having a weight average molecular weight of 50,000 or less.

7. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~Claim 1, wherein the acrylic block copolymer (A) comprises 10 to 60 % by weight of the methacrylic polymer block (a) in which a methacrylic polymer is the main component and 90 to 40 % by weight of the acrylic polymer block (b) in which the acrylic polymer is the main component.

8. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~Claim 1 or 7~~Claim 1, wherein the acrylic polymer block (b) comprises 50 to 100 % by weight of at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of n-butyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate and 2-methoxyethyl acrylate and 50 to 0 % by weight of other acrylate and/or other vinyl monomer copolymerizable with these monomers.

9. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~Claim 1, wherein the number average molecular weight of the acrylic block copolymer (A) measured by gel permeation chromatography is 30,000 to 200,000.

10. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~Claim 1, wherein a ratio (M_w/M_n) of the weight average molecular weight (M_w) to the number average molecular weight (M_n) measured by gel permeation chromatography of the acrylic block copolymer (A) is 1.8 or less.

11. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~Claim 1, wherein the acrylic block copolymer (A) is a block copolymer produced by atom transfer radical polymerization.

12. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~Claim 1, wherein a glass transition temperature of the methacrylic polymer block (a) is 25 to 130°C.

13. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 12~~Claim 1, wherein 5 to 200 parts by weight of a filler is further added based on 100 parts by weight of the acrylic block copolymer (A).

14. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~Claim 1, wherein 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of a lubricant is further added based on 100 parts by weight of the acrylic block copolymer (A).

15. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic elastomer composition for powder slash molding, comprising the composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 14~~Claim 1.

16. (Currently Amended) A molded article, which is obtained by powder slash molding the composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 14~~Claim 1.

17. (Currently Amended) A superficial skin for an automobile interior, which is obtained by powder slash molding the composition of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 14~~Claim 1.